

Remarks

Reconsideration of this Application is respectfully requested.

Upon entry of the foregoing amendment, claims 6, 7 and 20-23 are pending in the application, claims 20 and 21 being the independent claims. Claims 1 and 8-19 are sought to be canceled. Claims 2-5 were previously canceled. Claims 6 and 7 were withdrawn from consideration and have been amended to correspond to allowed claim 20. New claims 21-23 are sought to be added. These changes are believed to introduce no new matter, and their entry is respectfully requested.

As claim 20 is now allowed, Applicants hereby request rejoinder of withdrawn claims 6 and 7 under MPEP § 821.04.

Based on the above amendment and remarks, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider all outstanding objections and rejections and that they be withdrawn.

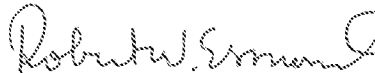
Conclusion

All of the stated grounds of objection and rejection have been properly traversed, accommodated, or rendered moot. Applicants therefore respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider all presently outstanding objections and rejections and that they be withdrawn. Applicants believe that a full and complete reply has been made to the outstanding Office Action and, as such, the present application is in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes, for any reason, that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number provided.

Prompt and favorable consideration of this Amendment and Reply is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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